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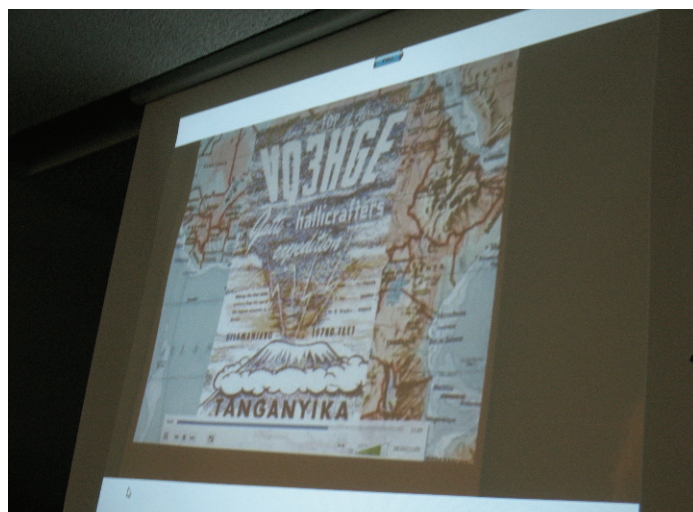
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## May Meeting Highlights

*By Sue Robins AF6LJ*

At our May meeting Pat WA6MHZ put on a presentation on the 1947 DXpedition to Africa by Hallicrafters. Several countries were visited during the DXpedition. With the African continent being largely underdeveloped getting from country to country was difficult. Included was a trip up Mt. Kilimanjaro for some VHF experimentation. Later on a member of the DXpedition went to the middle east to continue operations. The presentation was well done and most informative. For those who missed it you missed a really great presentation. More pictures on the next page.

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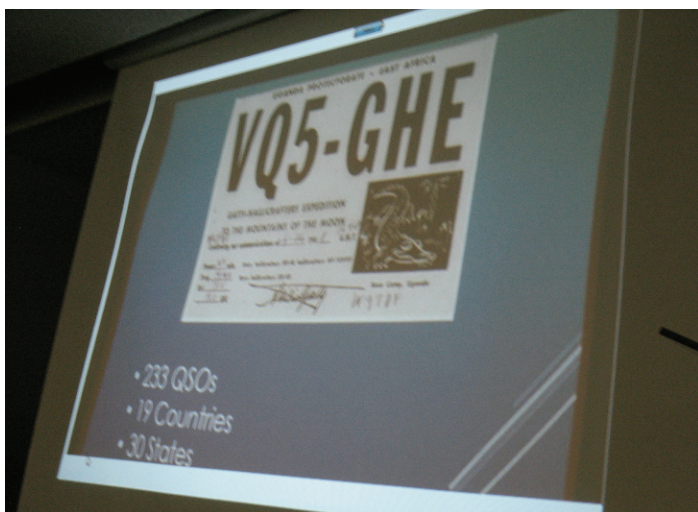


### ARCEC Repeater Frequencies

2 Meter Repeater	220 MHZ Repeater	440 MHZ Repeater
TX 146.475	TX 222.480	TX 440.900
RX 147.420	RX 224.080	RX 445.900
Offset .945	Offset 1.6	Offset 5.00
PL 107.2	PL 107.2	PL 107.2







## HRO Parking Lot Swap Meet

On a cloudy Saturday morning in May a few dozen hams turned out for the HRO Swap Meet. Two rows of sellers were greeted by a few dozen local amateur radio operators to examine the buffet of items available for sale. There were many good deals to be had and dozens of pieces of gear changed hands for the over three hours the swap meet went on before being ended by Mother Nature and a few tenths of rain.

In spite of the rain the event was a success. When it started coming down most everyone retreated into the warm dry confines of Ham Radio Outlet. I always look forward to these events and didn't come home empty handed.



Club members that attended were also not disappointed. Club President Dave Ward brought a half dozen items for sale and when the Swap Meet was over had only one item to take home with him. Thank You HRO San Diego for another fine Swap Meet.

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Some HRO Swap Meet Soggy Goodness



## Next Month's Meeting Field Day

A presentation on everything you need to know about 2016 Field Day along with moments from past Field Days. Be sure to be there for this presentation to learn where, when and how to take part in Field Day 2016.

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## 2016 Field Day

June 25<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> Setup June 24<sup>th</sup> Stay tuned for more details.

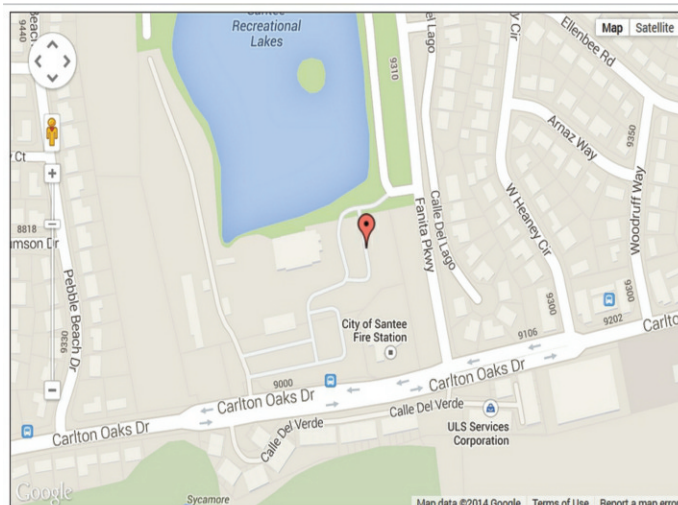
ARCEC will be holding Field Day at the same location we have for the last few years. Come and join us spend some time operating or just enjoying the company of your fellow amateur radio operators. We will be setting up on Friday June 24<sup>th</sup> meet at our storage shed located at the radio towers (12241? Moreno ave lakeside ca, about 1/2 mile down on the right side of Moreno,, 6 big towers) at 11:00 AM Friday morning June 24<sup>th</sup>. We will load up, from there, and stop off someplace for lunch. We'll be at the Field day site for set up at 1:00 PM.

Field Day begins at 11:00 AM on Saturday June 25<sup>th</sup>, and runs until 1:59 PM on Sunday June 26<sup>th</sup>. There will be hot dogs and hamburgers on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday. Sunday teardown will begin shortly after 2:PM when the station will be taken apart and components transported back to the shed for storage.

We hope to see you at; Administration Building for Santee Lakes in the parking lot.  
9310 Fanita Pkwy Santee, CA 92071  
Talk in: WA6BGS Repeater.

All visitors are welcome! For more information Contact the ARCEC board of directors at [bodofc@wa6bgs.us](mailto:bodofc@wa6bgs.us) See our website for more information. <http://wa6bgs.us/index.html>

For more information about Field Day 2015 see: <http://www.arrl.org/field-day>





## 2016 San Diego Hamfest

October 1st 2016

Old radio trade show, speakers, vendors

See [sdhamfest.org](http://sdhamfest.org) for more details

## Swap Meet Listings

The Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon has a Swap Meet listing page on our website and here in Counterpoise, Have something you want to buy, sell, or trade list it with us. See <http://wa6bgs.us/swapmeetlegal.html> for more listings and posting guidelines. This is a free service to our members.

## This Month's Listing

Joe:W6VMX - I have a dual band Yaesu FT-7900R (2m & 440) mobile radio for sale. In great cosmetic and operating condition. It comes with original box, microphone, all mounting parts, power cable, and operator's manual. Also has the YSK 7800 separation kit and I am including the programming cable and software from RT Systems. Priced at \$200.00 FIRM. Contact Joe Bennett at: [w6vmx@rocketmail.com](mailto:w6vmx@rocketmail.com) to make purchase arrangements.



## A New Resource

Recently Mark KB6PJU and Terry K6TRY had some tree trimming done by one of the local tree trimming services. As often happens the question regarding all that wire and stuff in the air came up. It was explained they are amateur radio operators. Another question came up in their conversation, that being can their bucket truck be used for hanging wire antennas and the like? Well it turns out this company will for a reasonable cost lend the services of their bucket truck for the purpose of minor antenna work. Mark and Terry thought it would be good to pass this information along. And there you have it another very useful service made available to us amateur radio operators. There is a cost involved, however I am told it is reasonable.

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## Membership Badges & Pins

All members of the Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon who might wish to obtain a membership badge can contact Dell Awards and place an order with them. They are our current preferred source for these badges, and have our logo and design on file and ready to create a custom badge for members. Current price is \$7.50 per badge and they have indicated that there is normally a 3 business day turnaround time. These are quality badges made by a long established company, so place yours on order soon. They can be reached at the below address and phone number, and be sure to mention you saw this blurb in the Counterpoise newsletter too.

**Dell Awards**  
**7949 Broadway**  
**Lemon Grove, CA 91945**  
**(619) 469-2100**  
**Hours: Mon-Fri 9:30am-5:30pm**  
**Sat 10am-1pm**  
**Sun - Closed**

## Club Pins Now Available:

They have arrived! A limited number of club pins are now here and can be obtained from our Treasurer at most club functions. These are 1" diameter pins with a rubber clutch pin on rear. You can now show the world your support of the Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon, and for the small cost of \$3.00 each too. Get them while they are available.



## The San Diego Morse Code Practice Group

Mark KB6PJU has been conducting a code practice group on the WA6BGS VHF repeater. The code practice Group meets at 7:00 PM Pacific time on Tuesdays, and Fridays. If you want to learn Mores Code, hone your skills, and improve your speed the San Diego Morse Code Practice Group is for you.

You can discuss the San Diego Morse Code Practice Group here;

<http://www.arrl.org/forum/topics/view/1536>

And here;

<https://forums.qrz.com/index.php?threads/new-2-meter-repeater-cw-teaching-method-developed.492738/>

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## Our Tower Trailer Needs A New Home

The current storage location for the club's antenna tower will not be available very soon. The club is looking for a volunteer willing to store the tower trailer. The new location must be secure, and 24 hour access is highly desired. If anyone wants to volunteer to store the trailer, or, has any suggestions on where to store the antenna trailer, please contact any officer or board member.

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**WA6BGS**

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Please fill out this form and then see options at bottom for submitting to the club

Date of application: \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_

Amount Paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Cash    Check    Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Type:    Individual (\$20/year)    Family\* (\$35/year)

Membership Status:    New    Renewal    Returning Member

Call Sign    First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

If a previous member, what was your WAMO number?

ARRL Member:    Yes    No

License Class:    Technician    General    Extra    Other

Email Address (required) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Use another sheet of paper to add Family members and please include the following information:*

First Name, Last Name, Call Sign (if any), License Class, Wamo Number (if any), & Email Address.

**Submitting this form:**

To submit this form, you can mail it to:

**Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon  
P.O. Box 50  
El Cajon, CA 92022**

-OR-

Bring it to the next club meeting on the second Thursday of each month. You can find the date and location by getting online at [www.wa6bgs.us](http://www.wa6bgs.us) which is the club website. Check it out for the most current information regarding the club.

Cash Payments - Get a receipt from the Club Treasurer. Please make all checks payable to AMATEUR RADIO CLUB of EL CAJON, Incorporated. Receipts for payments by check will be sent by email or regular mail by the Club Treasurer.

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